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**Judge Sentences Albuquerque Woman
To Five-Years Probation For Tax Fraud**

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Santa Fe – Gayle G. McIntyre was sentenced today to five years probation for filing fraudulent tax returns with the state of New Mexico. Santa Fe First Judicial District Judge Michael Vigil also ordered the Albuquerque woman, and former Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) employee to pay the state \$126,933 in restitution.

Although McIntyre had no prior convictions, she had been previously accused of embezzling \$4,000 from the Cibola Arts Commission in Grants, which she repaid with money she received by filing a false tax return. According to court records, McIntyre had been filing fraudulent tax returns with the state since 1999. In January of 2003 McIntyre came to work for TRD. While employed at the department she used state computers to electronically file fraudulent state tax returns. The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division, which oversees Tax fraud cases for the department recommended the case to the First Judicial District Judge who brought forth the charges against McIntyre.

McIntyre, who pleaded guilty to 36 counts of tax fraud on March 5, 2005, told Judge Vigil prior to sentencing that she was grateful she had been caught. She attributed her actions to being a single parent of two children who was unable to provide for her family. "Living is expensive," she told the judge.

"We are pleased that Gayle is being held accountable for her actions," said Jan Goodwin, Secretary of Taxation and Revenue, "Tax fraud is not a victimless crime. Our tax dollars are used to support our schools, roads and basic public services such as healthcare. Every dollar that Gayle took belonged to taxpayers."

Secretary Goodwin created the Tax Fraud Investigations Division in February 2003. The Tax Fraud Investigations Division currently has over 50 open cases under criminal investigation.

To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.

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